

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 609

Date 6/15/88

Full Name Richard C Jonasson

Social Security  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Seattle

State WA

Zip Code 98117

Date of Birth 12/38

(This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 50

(To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion Lutheran

Nationality American

Occupation Janitor/handyman

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight 190/200

Height 5'9"

Race Caucasian

Color of hair Reddish Brown

Color of eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding characteristics or interests Heavy set, bearded, smokes

Married or single Single

Children None

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections:

Chartered organization \_\_\_\_\_

Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
Troop-120	Seattle	WA	SM	2/73	8/21/88
Pack-120	"	"	WL	3/80	8/21/88

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

Accused of sexually abusing a Scout at the age of 16 at the time, and he also has an alcohol problem.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

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SEP 15 1988

APR 28 1989

F. STARON

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Registration/National

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Chief Seattle Council-609

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Scout Executive  
DEAN LOLLAR

FAX (206) 723-4330

June 11, 1990

Richard Jonason

Darrington, WA 98241

Dear Mr. Jonason:

We have evidence which indicates that you have falsely and wrongfully acted and presented yourself as an adult Scout leader. You are well aware that you have been permanently denied membership in the Boy Scouts of America which prevents you from serving or presenting yourself as an adult Scout leader in any capacity anywhere and anytime.

We have discussed this situation with our legal counsel and by action of this letter notify you that your continued efforts to falsely and illegally associate yourself with the Boy Scouts of America will not be tolerated. You are expected to have no further contact with our program as you previously agreed to do.

Sincerely,

Dean Lollar  
Scout Executive

DL:cf

cc: Registrar, Boy Scouts of America  
Scout Executive, Evergreen Area Council



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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Seattle, Washington 98144-6095

### File Memo

June 11, 1990

SUBJ: Richard Jonason

Darrington, WA 98241

Permanently Denied Registration

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A call from Craig Reide, Scout Executive, Evergreen Area Council, May 21, 1990. Troop 120 from his council made the following observations while on a weekend outing near Darrington, Washington.

1. 1 man, 2 Scouts at White Chuck campground outside Darrington.
2. Wearing very old uniforms and patches.
3. Using a 1948 edition handbook.
4. Vehicle, Volkswagen Van license # [REDACTED] Washington.
5. "Very suspicious looking", troop reported observations to Scout Executive on Monday morning.
6. A trace of the vehicle and license number indicated the vehicle belonged to Richard Jonason. Their observations were consistent with his prior activities.

DL:cf

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# WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED ☒

COUNCIL # *Seattle WA*

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

CALLER: *Dean L. Mar*

POSITION: *SE*

## TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_ EXPLORING \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_ BOYS' LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_ DIST. # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TRANSMITTAL # \_\_\_\_\_ FILM # \_\_\_\_\_

*Re: Confidential*

*Richard Jonason  
Troop 120 - Seattle*

*TRIED TO DETERMINE  
KAM 5-22-90*

*SUGGESTED ATTENDING TRIP TO  
JONASSON OR GET PETERING ORDER.  
HE IS STILL PRESENT WITH TIPS.  
ALL WERE IN UNIFORM OUT IN  
WADSWORTH.*

*Plum*

NAME *Lin*

DATE *5/22/90*

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

May 1, 1989

Mr. Norman J. Stone  
Director of Field Service  
Chief Seattle Council, No. 609

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard Jonasson

Dear Norman:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

READY TO FILE

MAY 02 1989

ERIN ORILEY

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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Chief Seattle Council #609



March 16, 1989

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America

[Redacted]  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

In following up on your letter of March 10th, in regard to Richard C. Jonasson, it is appropriate that we have just completed closing that file.

I am sending to you the material where Mr. Jonasson is asking us to not hold a hearing for him. I am attaching all the materials so there is nothing left in the headquarters of the Chief Seattle Council in regard to this action.

Sincerely,

C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Scout Executive

CMH:csf

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14503/27512

February 27, 1989

Brian J. Linn  
Attorney at Law  
A solid black rectangular redaction box covering a line of the recipient's address.  
Seattle, Washington 98166

Re: Boy Scouts of America and Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Linn:

Thank you for your letter indicating that you have been instructed by your client that he will not be participating in the appeal and are closing your file on the matter. We will do likewise.

As you have indicated in your letter, unless we hear otherwise we will assume that Mr. Jonasson will be refraining from participation in the Boy Scouts.

I appreciate your consideration in informing me of these developments.

Sincerely yours,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. K. Dolan'.  
Andrew K. Dolan

cc: C. Michael Hoover

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Brian J. Linn  
Julie M. Schisel  
Susan Silveira-Schuman  
Rhonda J. Brown

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*LINN & SCHISEL*  
[REDACTED]  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98166  
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DOCKETED SEPT. 4

February 14, 1989

Andrew K. Dolan  
[REDACTED]

Seattle, WA 98164

Re: Boy Scouts of America - Mr. Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Dolan:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 11, 1989. It is also my understanding that the Boy Scouts have scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, February 15, 1989 to deal with Mr. Jonasson's status.

At this time, Mr. Jonasson will not be attending that hearing panel. Mr. Jonasson has made the decision to not pursue matters further with the Boy Scouts at this time for two reasons. First, he continues to question whether the procedures in place will result in a fair disposition of issues pertaining to his registration. Second, for personal reasons, he does not have the time available to him to adequately prepare for a hearing at this time.

As a result of the foregoing, I have closed my files until such time as Mr. Jonasson contacts me again. Mr. Jonasson is not seeking to be involved with the scouting movement through the Chief Seattle Council at this time. He or I will be in touch with you if matters change.

Very truly yours,

*B. J. Linn*  
Brian J. Linn

BJL/dk  
cc: Richard Jonasson

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MEMO

Date: February 8, 1989

To: Douglas M. Klan  
John E. Alton  
Paul E. Gilbert  
Kenneth W. Duff

From: C. Michael Hoover, Jr. *cmh*  
Scout Executive

Re: Jonasson Review

I have written to Richard C. Janasson advising him that we are prepared to interview him at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 1989, at the Scout Service Center.

Andrew Dolan, of Bogle & Gates, has revised our review procedures and we have shared a set of those new procedures with Mr. Jonasson's attorney, Brian Linn, and with Mr. Jonasson himself. Attached is a copy of the procedures with which we will be operating; please destroy your old copy of review guidelines.

We have been questioned as to what other witnesses will be in attendance and have requested that Mr. Jonasson provide us with a list of names to consider. As of this writing, no list has been submitted.

A box lunch will be available here at 5:30 on Wednesday so if you have other questions we can handle them at that time.

csf



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Chief Seattle Council #609

Seattle, Washington 98144-6095

February 3, 1989

Richard C. Jonasson

Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Mr. Jonasson:

We were recently contacted by an individual stating that your lawyer said there would be an open meeting held in regard to your suspension.

The meeting we are going to have with you on February 15, 1989, is not intended to be an open meeting for all who choose to attend. The structure of the meeting will be for the Committee to see, individually, those people they have chosen to interview. Consequently, if you have individuals whom you would like to speak on your behalf, we would like you to contact us with their names so that we may be in touch with them to assign them a time to appear with the Committee.

You have probably already received the attached procedure but we are sending a copy as a convenience to you.

Once again, if you have questions or concerns regarding this, please let me know.

Sincerely,

C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Scout Executive

bc: Andrew K. Dolan

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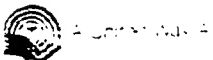
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[REDACTED] of Pack 122 called to say that she heard from Mr. Jonasson's attorney that there was an open hearing on Mr. Jonasson.

I told her the hearing was not "open" and that the criteria was given to Mr. Jonasson about the meeting.

She wanted more specifics about the case. I responded that all matters regarding the issue were confidential.

January 31, 1989

Norman J. Stone  
Director of Field Service

csf



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Chief Seattle Council #609

Seattle, Washington 98144-6095

January 19, 1989

Richard C. Jonasson

Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Mr. Jonasson:

The Chief Seattle Council has re-scheduled the Review Committee meeting. The Committee would like to meet with you at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 1989 at the Council Service Center, 3201 Rainier Avenue South, Seattle.

If that date or time presents a problem, or if you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
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bc: Andrew Dolan

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CHIEF SEATTLE COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MEMO

Date: January 12, 1989  
To: Jonasson File  
From: C. Michael Hoover, Jr. *cmh*  
Scout Executive  
Re: Telephone conversation with  
Andrew K. Dolan

During a telephone conversation between Andrew K. Dolan and C. Michael Hoover, Jr. on January 12, 1989, Mr. Dolan said that he would call Brian J. Linn, attorney for Richard Jonasson, to discuss the new procedures for reviewing decisions to deny or suspend leader registration.

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January 11, 1989

C. Michael Hoover  
Scout Executive  
Boy Scouts of America  
Chief Seattle Council #609  
[REDACTED]  
Seattle, Washington 98144-6095

Dear Mike:

Enclosed please find a copy of the summary procedures that we have talked about. I made the few changes that we discussed this morning, and concur in your judgment that it is not necessary to have these reviewed by National Headquarters.

I would ask that you give a copy of these procedures to each of the members of the Jonasson committee. Please advise them that these are the new revised procedures and that they are the procedures that are to be followed. I would ask them to surrender the old copies, or at the least, be guided by these newer procedures.

Enclosed please find a letter I have sent to Brian Linn explaining that these are the new procedures, and responding to each of the numbered concerns he raised in his letter.

You should be in touch with him promptly in order to schedule a continuation of the proceeding.

If, when you speak to him, he is not prepared to abide by these new procedures, please ask him to call me directly. Do not engage in any argument with him on the matter or entertain any suggestions he has for review.

Sincerely yours,

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*Andrew K. Dolan*  
Andrew K. Dolan

cc: Charles F. Osborn

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January 11, 1989

Brian J. Linn, Esq.  
Attorney at Law

  
Seattle, Washington 98166

Re: Boy Scouts of America - Mr. Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Linn:

Enclosed please find a copy of the procedures which will be used for the hearing involving Mr. Jonasson. These procedures will be given to the hearing panel as well as to you (and through you) Mr. Jonasson. They seek to use simple language to explain the way in which the hearing will be conducted.

In your letter dated November 16 you made a number of suggestions relevant to the way in which we conduct these particular proceedings. I will respond briefly to each one.

As to No. 1, the review committee will be selected among individuals who have no prior knowledge of Mr. Jonnason or the facts pertaining to the matter. The procedures are quite explicit on this. Indeed, we request anyone who, subsequent to appointment, finds that they have knowledge of these matters to voluntarily remove himself from the committee.

As to No. 2, in the main, that suggestion is adopted except where we believe issues of confidentiality relating to a complainant are involved.

As to No. 3, legal counsel for the Boy Scouts will not be present during the proceedings, although can explain to the committee the way in which the proceedings are to take place, responding to any questions they might have outside of these particular procedures.

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Brian J. Linn, Esq.  
January 11, 1989  
Page Two

As to No. 4, the burden of proof originally was that a person who wishes to apply for a position as a leader or retain one's position as a leader had to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that they were fit in all regards for that position. This burden of proof has been reduced from beyond a reasonable doubt to presenting clear and convincing evidence to that effect.

As to No. 5, legal counsel for neither the Boy Scouts nor the applicant will be allowed at the hearing. However, as with legal counsel for the Boy Scouts, you are free to meet with your client at any time before the hearing in order to assist him in his preparation.

As to paragraph No. 6, statements and witnesses will be allowed by Mr. Jonasson subject to the usual considerations of cumulativeness.

As to No. 7, neither side will be permitted to make a recording of the proceeding.

We wish to point out that some of the safeguards you suggested in your letter of November 16 were already in place. However, we are pleased to confirm them in the enclosed document.

Should you have any questions about this document, please feel free to be in touch with me. In any case we will, as you request, schedule a meeting at which these proceedings might go forward.

We recognize that not all of the procedures enclosed in the attached document will be to your complete satisfaction. We have endeavored at great length and substantial cost to come up with a process which is fair to applicants as well as ensures that we are able to meet our fiduciary responsibilities with reference to the young people entrusted to us.

Sincerely yours,

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Andrew K. Dolan

Enclosure

cc: C. Michael Hoover

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CHIEF SEATTLE COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MEMO

Date: January 10, 1989  
To: Jonasson File  
From: C. Michael Hoover, Jr. *CH*  
Scout Executive  
Re: Telephone communication  
with David Park

On Tuesday, January 10, 1989, Michael Hoover called David Park, National Council Office, and left a message with Mr. Park's secretary that Mr. Park had not returned the call made on Friday, January 6, 1989, and that Mr. Hoover still needed to talk with him.

David Park returned the call on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 10, 1989, and at that time authorized the release of the information on the procedures that we had Faxed to National council; he complimented us on the procedure and suggested that he might incorporate the wording for his own use.

csf

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CHIEF SEATTLE COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MEMO

Date: January 9, 1989  
To: Jonasson File  
From: C. Michael Hoover, Jr. *me*  
Scout Executive  
Re: Telephone communication  
with David Park

On Tuesday, January 3, 1989, C. Michael Hoover, Jr. made a telephone call to David Park, National Council Office, and left a message with Mr. Park's secretary that it was important that he talk with him.

Having been told that Mr. Park was out of town until Thursday, January 5, 1989, another call was placed on that date; the secretary said that Mr. Park was in a meeting and that she would give him Mr. Hoover's name and telephone number for a return telephone call.

On Friday, January 6, 1989, another call was made to David Park. He returned the call promised to provide an answer on Monday, January 9, 1989.

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CONF021402

March 10, 1989

Mr. C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
Chief Seattle Council, No. 609

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD C. JONASSON

Dear Mike:

Periodically, I follow up on all my Confidential File cases. I wondered if anything further had developed in this particular matter.

Has Mr. Jonasson asked for a review at this time or has this just become a quiet issue?

We are maintaining him on the Confidential File, but would like any further information which you have available.

Sincerely,

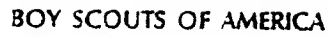
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cc: Western Region

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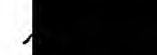



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ZEL 5-11-89

David K. Park  
214-580-2005  
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FROM		AREA CODE		AREA CODE		AREA CODE	
OF		NO.		EXT.		EXT.	
MESSAGE RE: Richard J. ... Please call him today. Been trying for 4 days.							
PHONED <input type="checkbox"/> CALL BACK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				RETURNED <input type="checkbox"/> WANTS TO SEE YOU <input type="checkbox"/>			
WILL CALL AGAIN <input type="checkbox"/>				SIGNED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

TO	ILP	DATE	1-10	TIME	4:16 PM
FROM	Mike Hoover	AREA CODE			
OF		NO.			
		EXT.			
MESSAGE	Re: Your answer to him.				
	SIGNED 				
PHONED <input type="checkbox"/>	CALL BACK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RETURNED CALL <input type="checkbox"/>	WANTS TO SEE YOU <input type="checkbox"/>	WILL CALL AGAIN <input type="checkbox"/>	WAS IN <input type="checkbox"/> URGENT <input type="checkbox"/>

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December 27, 1988

Mr. Brian J. Linn  
Attorney at Law

Seattle, Washington 98166

Re: Boy Scouts of America - Mr. Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Linn:

Thank you for your letter of December 22 inquiring as to an estimated time for our answer to you. Since the questions you raised requires us to reconsider virtually every aspect of the procedure we have established, it is not something we have been able to do quickly. Moreover, the holiday season is not the most efficient time to transact business.

We have proceeded deliberately in this matter so as to reach as sensible answers as we can given the gravity of the matter before us. Nonetheless, we expect to be back in touch with you shortly after the first of the year.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BOGLE & GATES

Andrew K. Dolan

cc: C. Michael Hoover ✓

CONF021405

To File

12-27-88

Phone conversation with [REDACTED]  
regarding Richard Jonason.

[REDACTED] called to discuss Richard Jonason and share some information. She told me the following:  
That Mr. Jonason had found a new job and was moving out of the city. He had been employed at Ballard Hospital and ~~was~~ became unemployed when the hospital removed its steam heating plant.

That Mr. Jonason was selling his home where he and his mother lived - and was also selling his "Scout house."

That she would be meeting with him soon to return the Scouting equipment and uniforms that were borrowed from him.

That Mr. Jonason had told her that he had known Judge Gary Little and that she had known someone who had been abused by Judge Little.

[REDACTED] wanted to discuss Mr. Jonason with me and I explained that I <sup>have</sup> intentionally distanced myself from that situation because my ~~job~~ <sup>role</sup> as DE is to insure that the boys ~~are~~ have a quality scouting program in the future. I stated

that the Jonason situation and the program situation a separate issues and that I would not speculate on the former. She asked if litigation was underway. I said I didn't know. She said that <sup>she thought</sup> the whole affair had left everyone confused and that she did not think it was handled well by the council. I said that the council's pledge was to maintain confidentiality and that the council has done that to protect everyone ~~is~~ involved. I said that any information she had on the situation had come from sources other than ~~than~~ the council. I agreed with her that this ~~is~~ has been very confusing <sup>and</sup> ~~said~~ that time will show what has been handled well and what has not, but in the mean time we should work to maintain a good program for the boys. I told her that I would be working to help the troop and that she would hear from me in January ~~after~~ ~~the holidays~~.

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December 22, 1988

Andrew K. Dolan  
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Seattle, WA 98164

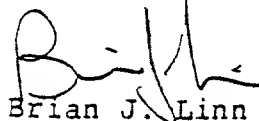
RE: Boy Scouts of America and Mr. Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Dolan:

The November 30, 1988 deadline passed. I have not been in touch with you because I assumed from your letter of November 28, 1988, that we would have a response forthcoming from our November 16, 1988 correspondence.

When can we expect an answer to our most recent letter?

Very truly yours,

  
Brian J. Linn

BJL/df

cc: Richard C. Jonasson

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



12-19-88

DAVID PARK -  
PLEASE REVIEW  
AND REPORT  
TO MIKE HOOVER.  
YOU HAVE FILE  
OF RICHARD  
JONASSON.

THANKS

Paul

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DAVID K PARK



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Chief Seattle Council #609

Seattle, Washington 98144-6095

December 6, 1988

Paul Ernst  
Subscription Service S 108  
Boy Scouts of America  
[REDACTED]

Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

I am attaching by FAX a copy of the letter that we recently received from the attorneys for Richard Jonasson asking us to modify a number of procedures in regard to our review process. It is our attorney's opinion that we ought to share with them the local Council procedure in modification that we had approved by you several months ago. I am attaching the modification of that procedure and we would appreciate it if you'd FAX to us your comments to us as to whether we should proceed with releasing that information or if you have better counsel for us.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Scout Executive

CMH:csf

cc: Andrew K. Dolan

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November 28, 1988

Mr. Brian J. Linn  
Attorney at Law

Seattle, Washington 98166

Re: Boy Scouts of America and Mr. Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Linn:

I have received your letter of November 16 proposing changes to the appeals procedure which affects Mr. Jonasson.

I am taking your letter under advisement and consulting with a number of people within the Boy Scouts in order to evaluate your suggestions.

I will be back in touch with you about this matter as promptly as is possible. I do not believe I will be able to meet your proposed deadline of November 30. As your letter indicates, it took you approximately two months to formulate your response to our earlier letter. I do not believe we will need as much time, but given the Thanksgiving holiday, we may not be able to meet your November 30 deadline.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

BOGLE & GATES

Andrew K. Dolan

cc: Mr. C. Michael Hoover ✓

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November 16, 1988

Andrew Dolan  
Bogle and Gates  
[REDACTED]

Seattle, WA 98166

Re: Boy Scouts of America and Mr. Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Dolan:

I have not been back in touch with you recently, because my client and I have been doing some investigation and research. We are now in a position to respond more fully to your correspondence of September 20, 1988 which outlines your proposed process for resolving this matter.

At the outset, you should be aware that Mr. Jonasson does indeed understand that the Chief Seattle Council is placed in a delicate and difficult position when any charges of sexual impropriety are made against any scout leader. He expects those charges to be taken seriously, to be thoroughly investigated, and to be resolved in a manner that is fair to all concerned.

He and I believe that your proposal for a method of proceeding misses the mark. You begin with the assumption that you do not have the resources to adjudicate truth and then you develop a one-sided, biased process wherein a man who is presumed to be innocent under every legal notion fundamental to our society loses the presumption of innocence. You then set in motion a process wherein you virtually guarantee, by reason of the way the process is defined, that the individual will be found to be guilty.

You place upon Mr. Jonasson "the burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt" that he meets all of the qualifications of the Boy Scouts and that he has done nothing wrong. You state that if there is "even a credible doubt" that he will not be permitted to be a scout leader. Yet you do not even afford him the opportunity to know who his accuser is, whether there is any corroboration, what the specific nature of the accusation is, or provide him with sufficient information against so he can defend himself. You further deny him the right to confront and cross examine evidence and you suggest that he be tried in secrecy in a manner which is more akin to mid-evil England or certain Communist countries than to the United States.

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We are especially offended by your reference to the Judge Little matter on page 3 of your September 20, 1988 correspondence. We cannot condone community panic and overreaction and, more importantly, reference to the Judge Little matter is wholly and completely irrelevant, in that Judge Little has absolutely no connection with or anything to do with Mr. Jonasson. The inference is that, somehow, because a Superior Court Judge molested children that Mr. Jonasson molested children.

We are further taken aback by your defense of your client's position when you state that the Chief Seattle Council has "taken all reasonable steps to ensure that Mr. Jonasson had an opportunity to gracefully withdraw from the Boy Scouts without the slightest hint of impropriety." This is another statement to the effect that Mr. Jonasson has been tried and convicted and that you are somehow doing him a "favor" by letting him "gracefully withdraw."

Instead, we view this as an abdication on the part of the Boy Scouts of its responsibilities to the scouts which it serves. If indeed it is correct that Mr. Jonasson molested children, then the Boy Scouts has the responsibility to proceed to protect other children from future harm.

Mr. Jonasson's concerns begin with his concerns for himself; however, his concerns are much greater. After more than four decades of involvement with the Boy Scout movement, Mr. Jonasson, like many of your volunteers, has made a lifetime commitment to the Boy Scouts and what it stands for. This is a deep personal and religious commitment which comes from the very depths of Mr. Jonasson's soul. He believes that if he were not to aggressively stand up for his rights against the unfair process that has been developed, it is Scouting that would lose, as well as all of the other volunteers who could also be falsely accused at any point in time and then excluded from scouting by way of an unfair process.

You have requested that we set forth in writing our proposal for a more fair process, and we are willing to do so with the hopes that by negotiating an appropriate process, we can avoid protracted debate and litigation. Our proposals are as follows:

1. The Review Committee should be selected among individuals who have absolutely no prior knowledge of Mr. Jonasson, anyone who has filed a complaint against Mr. Jonasson or any of the facts pertaining to this matter.

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2. The Review Committee should receive no information of any nature or kind whatsoever which is not also simultaneously provided to Mr. Jonasson.

3. There should be no communications between legal counsel for the Boy Scouts unless legal counsel for Mr. Jonasson is also present or his presence has been waived by Mr. Jonasson.

4. The burden of proof should rest with the Counsel to demonstrate, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Mr. Jonasson has indeed committed the act of sexual molestation that he has been charged with.

5. Mr. Jonasson should be entitled to have legal counsel or another representative of his choice present at the time of the hearing.

6. Mr. Jonasson should be entitled to present any witnesses on his behalf and written statements by those who know him and support him.

7. Mr. Jonasson should be permitted to make a tape recording of the proceeding. In the alternative, the Council should be required to record the proceeding and provide Mr. Jonasson with a copy of the transcript.

It is Mr. Jonasson's desire to proceed forthwith to appear before the Review Committee if the proposals set forth hereinabove can be incorporated into the process. Mr. Jonasson informs me that many of the Scouts and their parents are as anxious as he is to reach resolution of this matter by restoring Mr. Jonasson to his position of leadership with the Boy Scouts.

While we appreciate your articulated desire to maintain confidentiality in this process, we do believe that your priorities are misplaced and your judgment misguided. We agree with you that it would be libelous and/or defamatory for anyone to make statements to the effect that Mr. Jonasson had maintained any form of sexual relationship with any child at any time, because any such statement would be categorically untrue.

Mr. Jonasson believes that loyalty must remain at the heart of the scouting movement. It is an integral part of the Scout Oath and Scout Laws. Loyalty requires that the Scout Council maintain a process that is fair to its volunteers.


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It is an easy matter to accuse a person of child molestation. It is also an easy matter to brand a person behind closed doors as a child molestor.

It is not always an easy matter to be judicious and fair. It does require resources, time, energy and commitment to determine truth. All that Mr. Jonasson is seeking is sufficient loyalty on the part of the Boy Scouts to put in place a fair process which is designed to discover the truth.

We will appreciate your responding to this correspondence by the close of business on November 30, 1988.

Very truly yours,

  
Brian J. Linn

BJL/df  
cc: Richard Jonasson

SUMMARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CHIEF SEATTLE  
LOCAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE REVIEWING DECISIONS  
TO DENY OR SUSPEND LEADER REGISTRATION

Introduction

The following procedures are intended to supplement the Procedures for Reviewing Denial [or Suspending] of Member Registration contained in Appendix E of the national BSA pamphlet entitled "Child Sexual Abuse: How to Deal with It" (No. 34-99 1988 Revision). A copy of National procedures is attached hereto.

The Boy Scouts is a wholly private organization and can set any reasonable standards it wishes with reference to qualifying to be a youth leader. The Boy Scouts require that people wishing to serve as leaders must themselves prove that they meet all those guidelines as well as effectively refute any credible evidence which raises a doubt as to their qualifications to serve.

It is important to keep this in mind as you conduct your review hearing. This is not a court of law; there are no presumptions in favor of the Applicant. The Boy Scouts of America has a strong moral, social and legal obligation to present the safest possible environment to the young people who come trustingly into our organization and are authorized to do so by their parents and guardians. It is to them that we have our primary obligation; not to those who serve as leaders.

However, we must be mindful of the distress that having one's registration denied or suspended can cause to an Applicant. In all cases, the Applicant should be dealt with civilly and courteously. This is especially true given the fact that we do not condition the denial or suspension of registration on proving the underlying charges.

Nonetheless, the Boy Scouts would be in grave danger as an organization for both legal and public relations reasons if it were less than vigilant in ensuring that its leaders are fit to serve beyond a reasonable doubt. All doubts must be resolved in favor of the safety and security of the children who come into this organization.

I. Preliminaries.

1. The committee should identify itself as a review committee appointed by the President of the Local Council. It is appropriate for each of the members of the committee to identify themselves by name. No other personal information need be divulged.



2. If upon meeting the Applicant, it becomes clear to a member of the committee that he or she has some knowledge of the Applicant outside of the paper record, that person should voluntarily step off of the committee and be replaced by an alternate. Similarly, if the Applicant should object to any of the members of the committee on any reasonable grounds whatsoever, that person or persons should step down. If there are insufficient alternates available for the committee's effort to go forward that day, then the matter should be postponed until replacements can be appointed. Objections like all the committee members were appointed by the Local Council President and therefore are biased are not acceptable grounds.

3. It should be emphasized to the Applicant that the standard is whether, after reviewing all the evidence, there is clear and convincing evidence that the Applicant "possesses the moral, educational, and emotional qualities" necessary to afford positive leadership to youth. You should impress upon the Applicant that a person's registration must be denied or suspended if there is credible doubt as to that; even if the committee does not believe that a person, in fact, lacks those qualities. Therefore, the Applicant should be informed that a denial or suspension of that person's registration does not indicate a belief within the Boy Scouts of America that a person is in fact inadequate in one's moral and other relevant qualities.

4. The committee should summarize the nature of the charges relating to the Applicant with sufficient detail so that he can be apprised of what is being alleged, but without violating the confidentiality of complainants or other sources of information.

5. The Applicant should be advised that these proceedings are ~~completely~~ confidential and that nothing beyond the result will be divulged to anyone outside of the top Council leadership.

6. The Applicant should be reminded that there is an appeal from this committee's decision in the event that he or she does not accept the result.

## II. Hearing Procedures.

1. The person appealing the denial or suspension of registration should always be referred to in the third person as the Applicant. When addressing the Applicant, the person should be addressed as Mr., Ms. or Mrs., as that person prefers.

2. Neither the Scout Executive nor the Applicant should be allowed to bring to the hearing a lawyer, personal representative or someone to witness the proceedings for them.

Neither side will be permitted to tape record the meeting or use a court reporter/stenographer. There will be times in which an interpreter might become necessary.

3. The Applicant need not be allowed to be present during testimony where there is a substantial confidentiality issue. If the Applicant is not present during some testimony, the gist of that testimony should be summarized to the Applicant. The Scout Executive, as a general rule, will be allowed to remain during the entire proceeding.

4. If any members of the committee have personal information about this matter they should not be sitting as committee members. Only facts which are brought out at the hearing or are in the paper record should be relied upon in forming a decision.

5. At the commencement of the hearing, the committee should designate one member as a secretary who will keep a summary of the proceedings. Each of the members of the committee can make their own notes about the proceedings. However, at the end of the hearing, all members must surrender all of their notes or copies of evidence to the Scout Executive for disposition. This is absolutely essential so that the confidentiality of the proceeding is not accidentally compromised.

6. The tone of the hearing should be civil and courteous toward the Applicant. Maintaining an appropriate businesslike demeanor assists the Applicant understand the seriousness and the uncertainty of the outcome of the proceedings.

7. Reliable persons with secondhand information may be allowed to speak, but the committee should weigh that testimony accordingly. Written statements may be allowed. Judicial rules of evidence do not apply; evidence is acceptable if it possesses the probative value commonly accepted by reasonably prudent people in the conduct of their affairs.

8. Persons wishing to speak will not be sworn in this proceeding but the committee does have two obligations here. First, in speaking with the person before testifying, they should ascertain the person's ability to understand the obligation to speak the truth. This is particularly important with very young people. Secondly, they should admonish the person in a businesslike fashion of their obligation to tell the truth, emphasizing the importance of these proceedings.

9. The committee has the right to be in control of the way in which the hearing proceeds including the length of testimony and questioning. This does not mean that you should be impatient with people who obviously have no experience in participating in such proceedings.

10. It is important that the Applicant has a fair opportunity to present his side of the story. However, the committee does not have to allow unduly repetitious testimony, and so on may be allowed.

11. The committee has the right to decide in what order the testimony will come forward. This may involve having the hearing adjourned from time to time so that witnesses can be scheduled in such a way so that they will not meet each other outside of the hearing.

12. The committee can grant postponements at the request either of the Scout Executive or the Applicant should that be regarded in a furtherance of a fair and accurate hearing. Of course, the denial of the Applicant's registration will remain in force throughout the course of the proceedings.

13. At the close of all testimony, the Applicant should be allowed to make a closing statement. The Scout Executive, if he feels it is necessary, may reply. As a general rule, the committee should strive to allow the Applicant to have the last word.

14. After the hearing is adjourned, the committee should decide whether it wishes to consider the information then or continue to another time at which they can have a more leisurely evaluation of the information presented.

15. At the meeting to evaluate the evidence, the discussion should be relaxed and informal with everyone sharing their views in order. The decision of the committee will be reached by majority vote. The chairman of the committee will prepare the decision unless he is in the minority, in which case one of the other committee members will prepare the decision. It should be brief and to the point. It should then be presented to the Scout Executive.

CHIEF SEATTLE COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TO: File

From; Norman J. Stone  
Director of Field Service

Re: Phone conversation re; Mr. Jonasson

November 17, 1988, approx. 4 pm

Received a call from a woman describing herself as a parent involved in Troop 120. She indicated she was concerned about what was going on with Mr. Jonasson. She indicated that she had questioned her son about any sexual misconduct on the part of Mr. Jonasson. Her son indicated such action had been taken against him and he liked Mr. Jonnason. She was concerned because her son did not want to bein scouting with anyone else other than Mr. Jonasson.

During our conversation she indicated that in a conversation with Mr. Jonasson he said that this suspension was for something that happened in 1981. I asked this woman to repeat that so I understood it clearly. Did Mr. Jonasson indicate there was a circumstance in 1981? While she did not indicate any particular circumstance she did say repeatedly that Mr. Jonasson said that he was suspended because of something that occurred in 1981. During our conversation I asked if she were aware that Mr. Jonasson had the right to appeal; she said she was not and indicated she was going to Mr. Jonasson's house that evening and speak with him to encourage him to enter into such an appeal.

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OCT 27 1988

October 27, 1988

Dave Park  
Boy Scouts of America

Irving, Texas 75015-2079


Re: Richard C. Jonasson

Dear Mr. Park:

When we spoke on the telephone on October 20, 1988, it was my understanding that you would be telephoning me the following day so that we could further discuss Mr. Jonasson's situation. When I did not hear from you on October 21, 1988, I telephoned your office and left messages on October 17, 1988 and October 19, 1988. Although you did attempt to return my telephone call on one occasion today when I was not available, I tried to call you three times without success.

I would appreciate your prompt effort to contact me immediately.

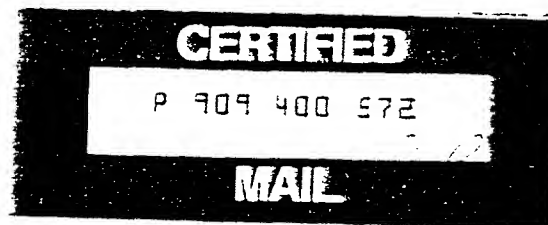
Very truly yours,

  
Brian J. Linn

BJL/dk

cc: Richard C. Jonasson

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL # 609

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: ACCUSED ATTORNEY

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLORING \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_

BOYS' LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_

DIST. # \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSMITTAL # \_\_\_\_\_

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DICK JOHANSON

40 YRS AS VOLUNTEER  
ACCUSED OF SEXUAL IMPROBITY

WANTED TO KNOW PROSECUTE  
FOR REVIEW-

REFERRED TO PARK

NAME PCerst

DATE 10-20-88

TIME 3 PM

FOR THE RECORD

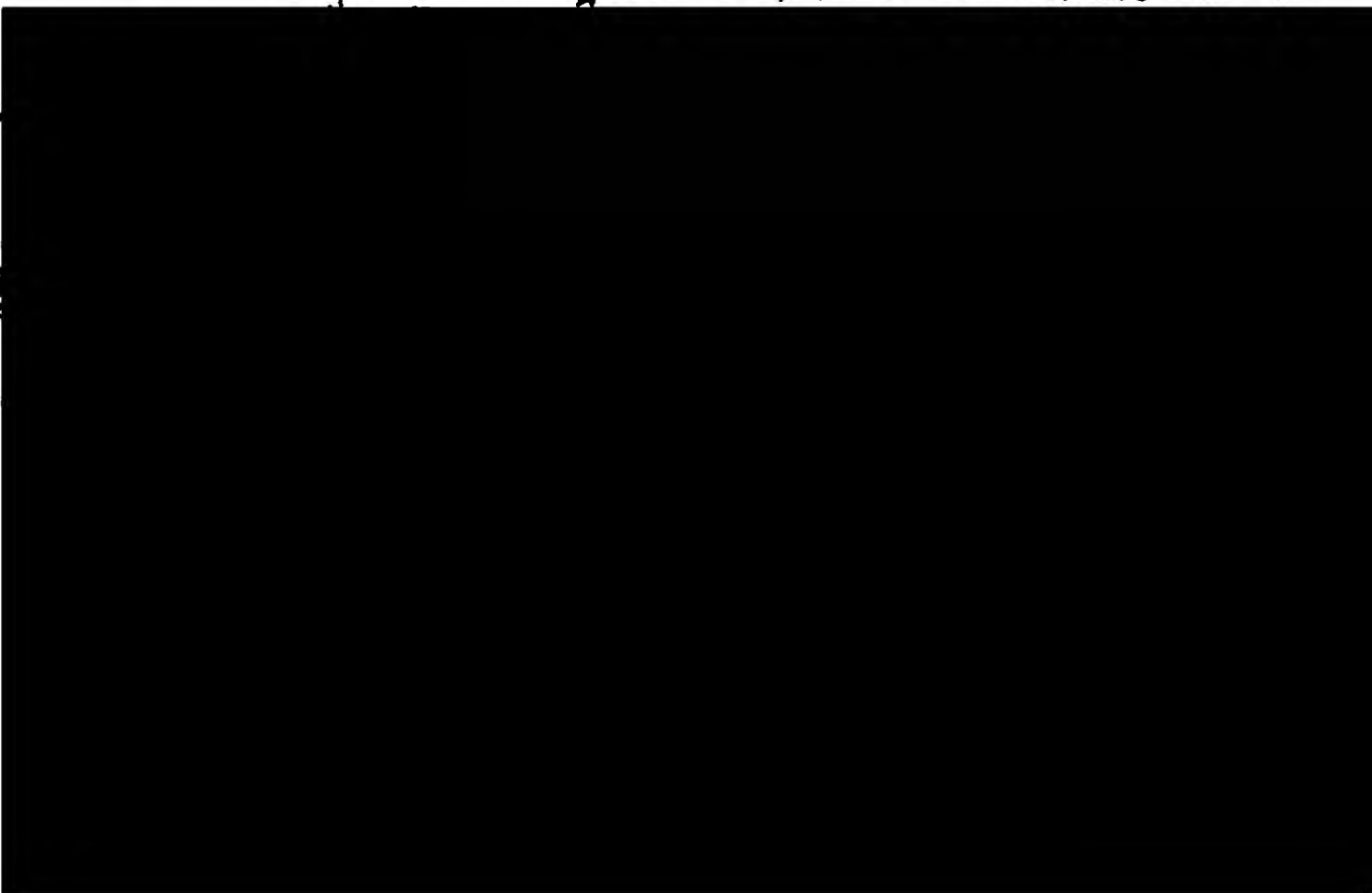
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On October 12th at 4:55 in the afternoon I received a telephone call from Andy Dolan saying that the attorneys would like until next week before they gave us an answer in regards to the Johnason matter.

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CHIEF SEATTLE COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TO:           FOR THE RECORD

FROM:       RUTH MARTIN  
            ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

As per instructions from Norman J. Stone, I called the office of Brian J. Linn and spoke with his assistant, Diane Kelly, at approximately 4:43 p.m. today, October 4, 1988. I gave her the names of the committee, i.e., Douglas M. Klan, Paul E. Gilbert, Kenneth W. Duff and John E. Alton.

RM  
10/4/88

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ANDREW K. DOLAN



September 30, 1988

Mr. Brian J. Linn

[REDACTED]  
Seattle, Washington 98166

Re: Boy Scouts of America and Mr. Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Linn:

We are in receipt of your letter of September 28th indicating your conflict of schedule. We will wait to hear from you shortly after October 3 before we reset a date which would be convenient to all parties.

I am responding to your request for the name and address of the Regional Director:

Richard Harrington, Director  
Western Region  
Boy Scouts of America

[REDACTED]  
Sunnyvale, California 94088-3464

As to your request for the names of the individuals who are sitting on the Review Committee, I would like to respectfully request why you would need those names in advance of the hearing. I am sure you can understand that we would be most resistant to any contacts with the members. I wish to emphasize that we are not denying you these names, but rather requesting your reason for having them and asking you to assure us there will be no contacts with them outside of the proceedings.

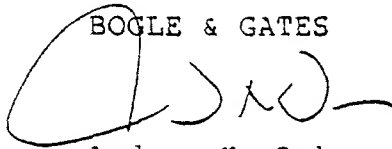
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Mr. Brian J. Linn  
September 30, 1988  
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If there is anything I can do to be of assistance,  
I hope you will feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. K. Dolan', is written over the printed name.

Andrew K. Dolan

cc: C. Michael Hoover, Jr.

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Brian J. Linn  
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LAW OFFICE OF

BRIAN J. LINN

September 28, 1988

Andrew K. Dolan

Seattle, WA 98164

Re: Boy Scouts of America and Mr. Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Dolan:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 20, 1988, and I have also received a copy of Mr. Hoover's letter of September 23, 1988, proposing that my client meet with the Review Committee at 8:00p.m. on Friday, September 30, 1988. We have already telephoned Mr. Hoover to advise him that this date will not be acceptable.

Because of my trial schedule, I will not be able to meet with my client to review your correspondence and draft a response until 6:00p.m. on October 3, 1988. Mr. Jonasson does not wish to meet with the Review Committee until he and I have had an opportunity to meet. You will hear from me again in writing after my meeting with him next Monday.

In the meantime, please advise me of the names of the individuals appointed to the Review Committee. By carbon copy of this letter, I am indeed requesting that Mr. Hoover provide me with the name and address of the regional director.

Very truly yours,

*Brian J. Linn*  
Brian J. Linn

BJL/dk

cc: Richard C. Jonasson  
C. Michael Hoover, Jr.

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# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Chief Seattle Council #609

September 28, 1988

Richard C. Jonasson

Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Mr. Jonasson:

We received a call at about 3:15 p.m. today from Mr. Linn's secretary indicating that it would be necessary for you to reschedule the meeting set for Friday, September 30, 1988, at 8:00 p.m.

We await to hear from you or Mr. Linn so we can schedule for the Committee to meet.

Sincerely,

C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Scout Executive

CMH:rm

bc: Andrew K. Dolan  
Attorney at Law

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On September 9, 1988, I received a telephone call from Susan Kylo, the Pastor of the Church which is the chartered partner for Troop 120.

Susan Kylo said that she had received information that Mr. Jonasson had been suspended. She indicated to me that that suspension was not a problem to her, and that she would support the Council's actions. She did ask if Mr. Jonasson was yet supposed to be meeting with his Webelos Den, and I indicated that absolutely not. She said she had knowledge he in fact was meeting with that Webelos presently, and that there was a scheduled Troop Meeting that night, and she was concerned as to what her actions should be if Mr. Jonasson were to show up.

I indicated my willingness to be at the meeting in order to help re-explain to Mr. Jonasson our position. I indicated that I would make a call to Mr. Jonasson to reinforce his suspension and would return a call to Reverend Kylo.

I subsequently made that call to Mr. Jonasson. He indicated to me that upon his return from his meeting where his membership was suspended he shared all of that information with his Pack Committee and the Pack Committee, in his words, chose to override the decision of the Council and allow him to meet with that Webelos Den. I indicated to Mr. Jonasson that was absolutely not allowed, that as part of this process, his membership was in permanent suspension and awaiting his review of that suspension, and that in no way was he to meet in any way with the Cub Scouts or the Scouts as an adult leader.

Mr. Jonasson indicated that he was not intending to meet with the Scout Troop that Monday evening.

I subsequently returned the call to Reverend Kylo and indicated that in Mr. Jonasson's eye, he viewed his suspension as temporary, since he was headed for the review process. Reverend Kylo indicated to me that that kind of thinking did not surprise her, that Mr. Jonasson was in the habit of manipulating information in his dealings with her as Reverend of that Church.

We subsequently sent the letter of September 9, 1988 to Mr. Jonasson reaffirming our position.

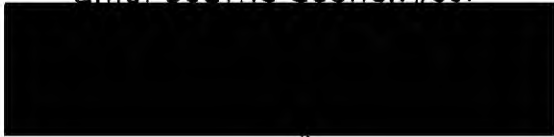
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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Chief Seattle Council #609



September 23, 1988

Richard C. Jonasson

Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Mr. Jonasson:

The Council President has appointed a Review Committee as you have asked.

The Committee would like to meet with you at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 1988 at the Council Service Center, Seattle.

If that date or time presents a problem please let me know..

Sincerely,

C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Scout Executive

CMH:rm

cc: Andrew K. Dolan  
Attorney at Law

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ANDREW K. DOLAN



September 20, 1988

Mr. Brian J. Linn

Seattle, WA 98166

RE: Boy Scouts of America and Mr. Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Linn:

Your letter to Mr. Hoover has been referred to me for reply.

The Boy Scouts of America at every level has agonized about what the appropriate posture is to assume with reference to this problem. After careful consideration we have decided to pursue the following course of action with reference to any suggestion of misconduct on the behalf of an applicant for a leadership position within the BSA or with reference to someone who is currently holding such a position.

It is our conviction that serving as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America is a privilege and not a right. The BSA can establish and implement any set of criteria for such positions provided those criteria do not contravene law. It is also our conviction that anyone who wishes to serve as a leader in the Boy Scouts or to retain such a position at all times has the burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that they meet those qualifications. We have adopted as our standard of acceptability into the leadership ranks of the Boy Scouts of America the standard that no one shall be admitted or allowed to remain in those ranks if there is even a credible doubt as to their meeting all the qualifications to serve. These are our substantive provisions.

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September 20, 1988, approximately 4:30 p.m.

Returned a call to Craig Olson, Committee Chairman for Pack 122. Mr. Olson again wanted to discuss the Richard Jonasson matter. He was asking if I could give general information to him with regard to any charges that were made against Mr. Jonasson.

I once again reaffirmed with Mr. Olson repeatedly that the matters concerning Mr. Jonasson were confidential and would be kept that way, that Mr. Jonasson had applied for, and was receiving a review of his membership suspension. My encouragement was that he continue that process.

Mr. Olson asked specifically was any information we had current information, or information dealing with things in the past. Once again, I refused to answer that question, saying that all information we had was confidential. Mr. Olson said that were a number of parents out there who were very irritated at all of this, and were interested in writing letters and going to the media, etc., something of that nature. I indicated to Mr. Olson that while I was unable to restrict him in any way from doing whatever he thought appropriate, that my encouragement was that they would allow this process to go through, and as we explained to Mr. Jonasson that we were going to keep all matters confidential and we would encourage others to do so.

Mr. Olson then reiterated that he really had no intentions of going to the media, etc., but would like to write letters on behalf of Mr. Jonasson. I said those letters would be received and read, of course.

Mr. Olson questioned why none of the parents of the Troop or the Pack were contacted and given Mr. Jonasson's status. My response to that was that as we were preparing to go our next step, that we had repeated calls from the Committee Chairman and Committee members of both Units, who indicated that Mr. Jonasson had already shown them all of the materials and already discussed this matter thoroughly with each. During this conversation I explained to Mr. Olson, that in our view, it was extremely important that the committee be as respectful of these proceedings as anybody else, and that we would hope that they would allow them to proceed appropriately.

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Procedurally, the Boy Scouts of America is not in a position to reach definitive conclusions about the morality or other personal characteristics of its leaders. Similarly, the Boy Scouts of America is not organized in a way nor funded sufficiently so that it can undertake the close supervision of designated leaders. Therefore, it must err on the side of excluding from its leadership ranks anyone about whom a credible doubt as to their qualifications to serve has been established. In a criminal process, all doubts are resolved in favor of the innocence of the defendant. In our situation, because of the practical realities we confront and because of the fiduciary relationship we have with reference to our youngsters, all doubts are resolved against admitting an applicant to a leadership position or continuing an applicant's leadership role.

We are aware that in some cases, this will result in fully qualified people being prohibited to assume or retain leadership positions in the Boy Scouts. We wish it were possible to conduct the kinds of expansive inquiries into everyone's credentials and to conduct full and complete inquiries into any charges lodged against applicants. However, the Boy Scouts does not have the resources to do that nor do we believe we are legally obligated to do so. Moreover, we do not believe that such a posture would be consistent with our commitment to ensure that all adults who have any contact with children enrolled in the Boy Scouts are beyond any credible doubt whatsoever with reference to their qualifications to serve.

We recognize that this is a tough position. However, we believe it is the only position that is consistent with our fiduciary obligation to the young people and our representations to the parents and guardians of those young people who participate by the tens of thousands in our program. Moreover, it is the only practical position with reference to the thousands of people who participate as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

I wish to reemphasize that the Boy Scouts of America will make no findings with reference to the truth of the charges against Mr. Jonasson. The only scope of our inquiry is to determine whether there is credible evidence to support those charges sufficient to raise a credible doubt as to Mr. Jonasson's qualifications to serve. If a

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credible doubt is established, the inquiry is finished. In such case, the Boy Scouts must take the position such a leader will be severed from having any contact with the youngsters within our charge.

As an attorney, you have no doubt followed the controversy surrounding the Judge Little matter and the substantial discredit that has been brought to bear on the school in which he was accused of having misused his position. Surely both you and Mr. Jonasson wish the Boy Scouts of America well and can appreciate why it is practically necessary for us to adopt the rigorous position we have taken here in terms of safeguarding our children.

We have taken reasonable steps to ensure that no hint of improper conduct has been made by us regarding Mr. Jonasson. In fact, we personally hand delivered the letter to him rather than taking the chance that it might inadvertently fall into someone else's hands. We have met with him privately in a neutral setting so that these matters could be brought to his attention and explained. We have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that Mr. Jonasson had an opportunity to gracefully withdraw from the Boy Scouts without the slightest hint of impropriety emanating from us. We believe we owe that to those people who are excluded from leadership positions given the fact that we must take such actions in the face of imperfect knowledge.

Because of the deep respect we have for people who have dedicated time to volunteering in leadership positions in the Boy Scouts, we do provide certain appellate procedures to people whose applications for leadership positions have either been denied or suspended. However, we wish to reiterate that the purpose of those procedures is only to determine whether or not there is some credible doubt about the person's suitability to hold a leadership position. We place only a small burden of proof on the complainant, and we do not charge the committee with satisfying itself that an applicant for a leadership position is in fact guilty of the charges before that person can be excluded. As we have indicated, we will exclude people from leadership positions if there is some credible evidence from which we can infer impropriety even if, on balance, we believe it is likely that the applicant is in fact blameless.

We hope this provides some comfort to your client even though it cannot help but be a grave disappointment to him.

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With reference to your requests, I regret that we will not be able to meet all of them. I am enclosing for you a copy of the national guidelines with reference to appeals from these decisions. You will note that the guidelines address the appeals at the local, regional and national levels.

I can also assure you that the Council President has appointed a committee of people who have no prior knowledge of the allegation made against your client.

As to your request for the committee to consider an additional statement from Mr. Jonasson regarding his behavior, we would be happy to receive that at the beginning of the hearing or by mail before that period.

You can receive from Mr. Hoover the name and address of the regional director.

Lastly, as to your request for a complete statement of charges, we will reveal so much of the allegations at the beginning of the hearing as will not compromise the confidentiality of the source. Essentially the committee will make its decision based on its evaluation of the credibility of the complainant and your client. Again, we wish to re-emphasize that the inquiry will not be into whether the charges against Mr. Jonasson are true, but rather whether the evidence is sufficient to raise a credible doubt as to the matter. If the committee concludes that a credible doubt has been raised, then it must affirm the decision to suspend his registration.

We wish to advise you that as soon as the hearing is completed, all written materials will be sequestered and put into a sealed file. We will issue no statements of any kind to anyone hinting or suggesting any impropriety on the basis of Mr. Jonasson. He, in turn, should be very careful what he reports to others. We have reason to believe that he has already discussed this matter with other people in scouting, and we accept no responsibility for any adverse impact his utterances may have on his standing in the community.

We can do little more than ask for the understanding of both you and your client and hope that your joint concern for the Boy Scouts of America will bring you

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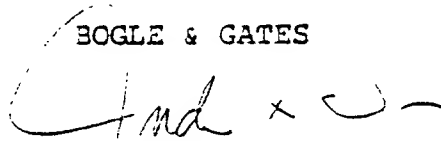
to the point where you can understand the reasons for the actions we are taking here.

One last note is in order. The hearing at which Mr. Jonasson's appeal will be heard is an informal one. No attorneys or personal representatives will be allowed for either the Scout Executive or for your client. We, of course, have no objection to your counseling your client in advance of that hearing.

For any further questions you might have about this, I hope you will feel free to be in touch with me.

Sincerely yours,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ad x", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Andrew K. Dolan

Enclosure

cc: Gordon S. Clinton  
✓ C. Michael Hoover, Jr.

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# WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL # 609

PHONE NO:

CALLER: MIKE HOOVER

POSITION:

## TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLORING \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_

BOYS' LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

JONASSON

RICHARD

~~EDWARDS~~

GIVE ME FILE

SEPT 22 REVIEW COUNCIL - FIRST MTG.

WANTS OUR REACTION

NAME Penst

DATE 9-16-88

TIME \_\_\_\_\_





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

COUNCIL

No. 609 Date 7-15-88

REFER TO YOUR TRANSMITTAL REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

☒ CREDIT NOTICE
 ☐ DEBIT NOTICE
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION  
AND STATISTICAL SERVICEREGISTRATION Unit No. S 120 term \_\_\_\_\_ months

- ☐ Unit charter fee of \$20. Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ required \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Leaders (\_\_\_\_\_ prepaid) @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each. Received \$ 5.00 required \$ 0  
(\_\_\_\_\_ transfer)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Members (\_\_\_\_\_ transfer) @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each. Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ required \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Members \_\_\_\_\_ Leaders listed on transmittal form \_\_\_\_\_ on application
- ☐ Transfers must pay \$.50 each. Expiration given \_\_\_\_\_ We have \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Not on transmittal report ☐ Duplicate entry ☐ No application received.
- ☐ Correction made per your letter/telephone call \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No reply to our defective registration notice dated \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Returning \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Under Age ☐ Over Age

BOYS' LIFE Term \_\_\_\_\_ months

- ☐ Paid for \_\_\_\_\_ subscriptions; listed \_\_\_\_\_ subscriptions. Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ required \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Incorrect fees: \_\_\_\_\_ subscriptions. ☐ Back issues are not available.
- ☐ Please check attached copy. Pay debit—Use credit or return with copy of the roster showing corrections needed.

Refund of Registration fee Richard Johnson


Please add or subtract the amount(s) indicated on your next transmittal in the proper column(s) and return the original.

BILLING	Unit Charter Fee	\$ _____	Explorer	\$ _____
	Tiger Cub	\$ _____	Career Awareness Explorer	\$ _____
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September 15, 1988

C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
Boy Scouts of America  
Chief Seattle Council #609  
  
Seattle, Washington 98144-6095

Re: Richard Jonasson

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please be advised that your writer has been retained to represent Dick Jonasson with respect to his suspension from the Boy Scouts of America. I am in receipt of your letter of August 22, 1988, and its enclosure. I have also had an opportunity to review Mr. Jonasson's letter of August 28, 1988, and your letters of September 2, 1988 and September 9, 1988.

I am deeply concerned about a process wherein a man who has devoted his life to the Boy Scouts is asked to respond to nebulous, vague and uncertain charges. While Mr. Jonasson and I both respect and understand the difficult position that the Chief Seattle Council may be in, there is no procedural due process where Mr. Jonasson does not have an opportunity to understand the specific nature of the charges that have been brought against him. We need to receive a full complete statement of all charges which have led to your decision to suspend Mr. Jonasson.

Your enclosure in the August 22, 1988 letter defining the appeal procedure indicates that the purpose of the committee to be appointed by the Council President is to discover the truth and arrive at a correct decision. We concur with this purpose. This purpose cannot be accomplished absent an opportunity for an individual to address the truthfulness of the allegations being made against him.

The purpose of this letter is to request full and complete copies of any and all records, files, materials or documents which pertain to your decision to suspend Mr. Jonasson from the Boy Scouts of America. While I recognize that this is perhaps not a legal proceeding with full discovery rights, fairness dictates an opportunity to review any materials which are available and to respond to those materials. By this letter, I am also requesting that you identify the document from which your appeal procedure emanates and that you forward to me full and complete copies of any and all policies, procedures or manuals which further define the

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method by which the appointed committee will proceed and the subsequent appeal rights.

We are requesting that the Council President appoint as committee members only individuals who have no prior knowledge of the allegations made against Mr. Jonasson. We wish to ensure that a full and fair airing of the allegations occurs before an impartial committee who has not been subjected to any predisposed opinions. We are also of the belief that this matter should proceed as expeditiously as possible and we request that the committee issue its confidential report within sixty days of the date of this letter.

You should also be aware that the August 28, 1988 letter which my client wrote to you is not his entire version of the facts supporting his claim. We intend to supplement the original request and provide a further, detailed written statement upon receipt of information concerning the exact nature and extent of the allegations being made.

I would also appreciate receiving the name and address of the Regional Director, together with a statement concerning whether or not that individual has been contacted by yourself or any officers or agents of the Chief Seattle Council and, if so, I would like to know the nature and extent of any communication made in this regard. The same information is sought with respect to the National Council.

I would appreciate receiving a response to this correspondence within five working days of your receipt of this letter. If it is not possible for you to fully respond within that timeframe, please provide as much information as can be provided and also advise me when I might anticipate a full response.

Very truly yours,

  
Brian J. Linn

BJL/dk  
cc: Richard Jonasson  
Gordon S. Clinton

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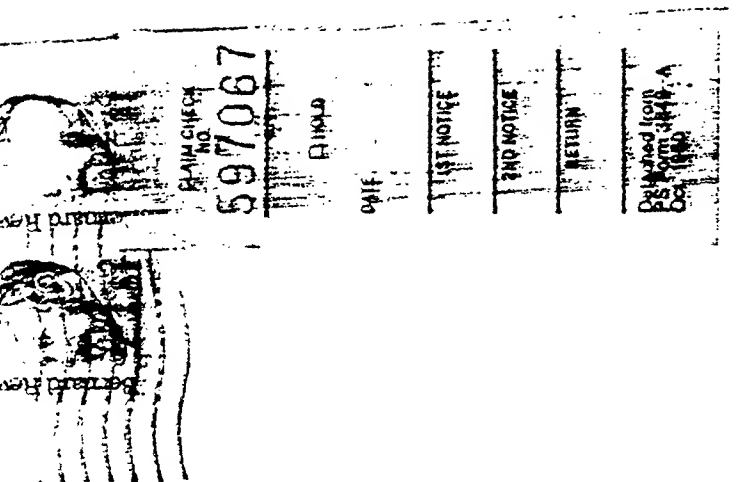
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CHIEF SEATTLE COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

JONASSON FILE

9/12/88 - Approximately 1:30 p.m.

I returned a call to [REDACTED] Smith of Troop 120 Committee.  
[REDACTED] Smith was asking for more information regarding Mr. Jonasson.  
I repeatedly indicated that any such information was confidential.  
She stated she heard that he was suspended temporarily for moral charges. I again explained all matters were confidential.

I did explain that Mr. Jonasson's suspension was not temporary unless he requested the review process and as a result the suspension was reversed.

9/14/88

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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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Seattle, Washington 98144-6095

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

September 9, 1988

Richard C. Jonasson

Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Mr. Jonasson:

Per your conversation this morning with Norm Stone, let me remind you of our earlier discussion and letter.

When you asked for a review, we told you we would start that process after the 22nd of September. This does not alter your suspension. Your membership has been suspended, and you are not to hold or participate in any Scouting or Cub Scout activities or events.

If you have questions please call me.

Sincerely,

C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Scout Executive

CMH:rm

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MEMO

Re: Jonasson File

August 23, 1988 - Received a call from [REDACTED], who identified herself as a member of the committee of Troop 120, of which Mr. Jonasson was a Scoutmaster.

She stated she was very concerned about the letter that had been given to Mr. Jonasson and was wondering if she could determine more information with regard to this case. I told [REDACTED] there was no way that I could discuss any of the details of this matter. Since she was concerned about Mr. Jonasson, if she wanted more details, she should speak with him. He had all necessary instructions as to what his next and best move would be. [REDACTED] was very pleasant during this conversation, as was I.

August 24, 1988 - Received a call from Greg Olson, Committee Chairman of Pack 22, indicating he was concerned about the Council's action with regard to Mr. Jonasson and wanted to know if we would give additional information. I responded that I was not at liberty to give any information regarding this circumstance. He asked if Mr. Jonasson said that we could give additional information to him, would we devulge that, and I indicated that we would not, that our next action would be based upon Mr. Jonasson's response to the material we had, and that we would follow the procedure outlined with Mr. Jonasson. Mr. Olson, during this conversation, was somewhat agitated, but in general the conversation was pleasant.

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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Chief Seattle Council #609



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August 31, 1988

Paul Ernst  
National Director of Registration  
and Subscription Service  
National Office



Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

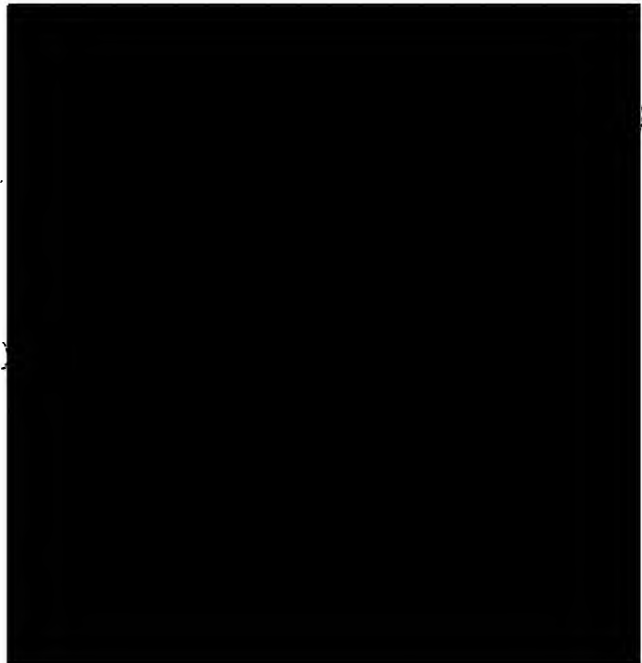
Based on this information, we have suspended the membership of Richard C. Jonasson and would like his name added to the confidential file.

Mr. Jonasson has asked for a review and will meet with the Committee on September 13, 1988.

Sincerely,

C. Michael Hoover  
Scout Executive

CMH:rm



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# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Chief Seattle Council #609

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

September 2, 1988

Mr. Richard C. Jonasson

Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Mr. Jonasson:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 28th, asking for a review of your membership suspension.

We will start the review process with the appointment of the Committee on September 22, 1988.

We will be in contact with you as to a time for you to meet with the Committee after that date.

In the interim, should you change your mind, you may withdraw at anytime and we would respect your decision.

Sincerely,

C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
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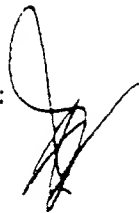
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MEMO

TO: Chris Hunt  
Camping Director


FROM:  Norman J. Stone  
Director of Field Service


Please remove Richard Jonasson from our Order of the Arrow List.  
He is registered as Scoutmaster, Troop 120 and Webelos Leader 122.

NJS:rm

8/31/88

MEMO

TO:  Jayne Heneghen  
Registrar

FROM:  Norman J. Stone  
Director of Field Service

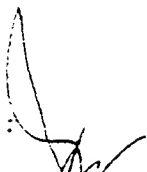
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NJS:rm  
8/31/88

CHIEF SEATTLE COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MEMO

TO: Mark Steelquist  
District Executive  
Aurora .

FROM:  Norman J. Stone  
Director of Field Service

Please remove Richard Jonasson from our Merit Badge Counselor List and any other District List. He is registered as Scoutmaster, Troop 120 and Webelos Leader, Pack 122.

NJS:rm  
8/31/88

CONF021454

TO: Andrew K. Dolan, Bogle and Gates  
FROM: Norman J. Stone, Director of Field Service

In order to make valuable use of your time this Friday, here is a list of questions you may be able to review prior to our arrival. Mr. Jonasson has requested a review of our suspension of his membership. We have four members of our Board to serve on the review committee.

1. The victim in this circumstance, has stressed his desire for confidentiality, and has placed that desire in writing in his letter describing the incident. May we share his name with the committee? May we share his name with Mr. Jonasson?
2. Do we ask the youth to appear with the committee? May we ask the Therapist, Sean Watt to substantiate the accusations? Do we allow Mr. Jonasson to have anyone speak on his behalf to the committee?
3. In your opinion, where would we stand in these circumstances? Mr. Jonasson hears the information and flatly denies all of it, and continues his denial. Number two - Mr. Jonasson confirms some portion of these allegations, however, says that was in the past and since that time has changed his ways totally, has a record of performance to prove that, and people who will speak on his behalf.
4. We will be drafting a letter of response to Mr. Jonasson on Friday, however, we would like to discuss the potential content of that letter with you during our meeting.

NJS:rm

8/31/88

Registration Suspension Meeting - 3/22/88

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Mr. Jonasson was informed that the Council had evidence that he did not meet the standards of membership and leadership in the Boy Scouts of America, and was delivered the appropriate letter suspending his registration and the appropriate procedure for requesting review of this decision denying his registration, and a check for \$5.00 refunding his application fee. It was made clear to Mr. Jonasson that we were making no accusations against him. This action was based on the information given to us. We explained we were motivated by our concern to provide the highest standards of membership in the Boy Scouts of America and for the protection of youth participating in our program.

Mr. Jonasson indicated he was confused and perplexed by this action and was totally unaware of any circumstance which might cause this action to be taken. He did indicate that at one time he had a problem with alcohol, but his operation since had been "squeaky clean". He pressed for more details regarding the circumstance, and was told repeatedly that these details were confidential. Mr. Jonasson said he could only imagine that the complaint would be for moral issues. Finally, after much discussion, Mr. Jonasson was made aware that the general complaint was of a sexual abuse.

Mr. Jonasson asked us to define what was meant by sexual abuse, indicating that he was on occasion affectionate with children and there was touching and hugging of children participating in his unit. We did not comment on a definition of sexual abuse.

Mr. Jonasson asked a series of questions and made statements such as; "Was this a complaint or complaints?" Was the complaint from a member of his Unit or was it from a parent? "To accuse me is like calling Jesus Christ the Devil. The boys in my unit all like me."

We repeatedly stated the confidential nature of this information, and that only Mr. Jonasson and ourselves were dealing with the information. Our encouragement was that this information be kept confidential, and that Mr. Jonasson follow the procedure for appeal if he felt it appropriate.

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Mr. C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Boy Scouts of America  
Scout Executive  
[REDACTED]

Seattle, Wn. 98144

August 28, 1988

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[REDACTED]

Seattle, Wn. 98117

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Sincerely yours,

Richard Jonasson  
[REDACTED]

CONF021457

Council No. 609

8/22/88

Full Name: Richard C. Jonasson  
[REDACTED]  
Seattle, WA 98117

Date of Birth: December 1938 (Approximately 50 years)

Religion: Attends Lutheran Church Nationality: American

Occupation: Janitor, Handyman

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Race: Caucasian Hair: Reddish Brown

Eyes: Unknown

Outstanding characteristics or interests: Heavy set, bearded. smokes

Married/Single: Single Children: None

Spouse: N/A

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Pack 122 Seattle, WA Webelos Leader 3/80 - 8/21/88

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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Chief Seattle Council #409

August 22, 1988

Richard Jonasson

Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Mr. Jonasson:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

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If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Scout Executive

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CONF021460

TO: Chief Seattle Council, Boy Scouts of America

FROM: Norman J. Stone, Director of Field Service to the Chief Seattle Council

RE: Suspected Child Abuse Report

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8/10/88

Mr. Norman Stone  
Boy Scouts of America  
[REDACTED]

98144-6095

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further help to you.

I wish this report to be in the strictest confidence.

Sincerely,  
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Mr. C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Boy Scouts of America  
Scout Executive  
[REDACTED]  
Seattle, Wn. 98144

August 28, 1988

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Sincerely yours,

Richard Jonasson  
*Richard Jonasson*

CONF021464





## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Chief Seattle Council #609

August 22, 1988

Richard Jonasson

Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Mr. Jonasson:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

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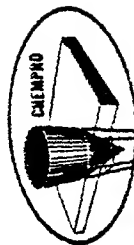
APPLICANT PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING REVIEW  
OF DECISION DENYING REGISTRATION

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4. A confidential report will be given to the applicant setting forth the decision of the committee.
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Mr. B. Jonsson  
[REDACTED]  
Seattle, Wn. 98117

Mr. C. Michael Hoover, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
Boy Scouts of America  
[REDACTED]  
Seattle, Washington, 98144

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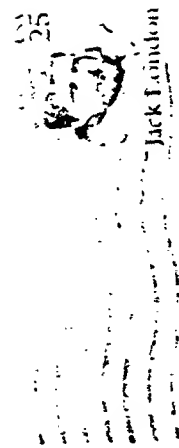
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Council No. 609

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Boy Scouts of America

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6/21

~~Former~~ Scout Sexually  
Assaulted by S.M.

Canyon / Fremont  
Ft Lewis

when 17 yrs Ago 1981

Going to therapist - He

He was 16

St Pauls Lutheran -

- T 120 -

- He Told Pastor of Church -  
Parents know

He Attempted to grab  
me use me in

Sexual way -

He was Seeing  
and Masturbating  
Richard -

Dick Jonasson  
in Ballroom

JPL in Same Tent

Others in Tent -

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Has  
called King County Prosecuty  
Attorney -

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He had Problems with  
Alchoh(-

A Representative of  
Council Ash Pastor  
To FIRE S. M.

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HAS SEEN <sup>HIM</sup> TWICE - QA FAMILY MEDICAL  
CENTER

LAST TIME ABOUT  
1 YEAR AGO IN STORE

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Wk W P 122  
WHEELS -

Troop known for  
Being AN ODD  
Ball Troop

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Wrestling Around  
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Tell Susan H. H.  
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Since Receiving the Letter  
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Dick Jonsson by Phone  
From 8/16/88 to 8/21/88

I made 15 Phone  
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Between these dates finally  
reaching him 8:30 PM  
8/21/88.

No Legal obligation to call

C.P.S. - May Report - Will  
Have resolution

Social Service -

What I tell him -

What I tell 3rd Party - Different

We take this action

Staff - shall deliver -

File Access - Limited.

\* State Patrol Can give  
File - will send Rego

set

Meeting to

C.P.S.